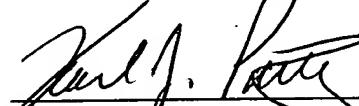


Remarks

Claims 1, 2, 18 and 19 have been amended. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the amended claims and the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement. Should there be any questions, Examiner Holleran is courteously invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number shown below.

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Respectfully submitted,



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